

GERMANY'S HAND TO GUIDE VIENNA'S COURSE WITH U. S.

Austria Angered at Tone of Ancona Note, but Cannot Afford Break

SITUATION DELICATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Austria's attitude toward the United States is one of bitter resentment. All of the information reaching the State Department from its confidential agents confirms this.

The action may yet be taken. If it is, it will be no surprise in official Washington. However, sources close to the Austrian and German Embassies here were insisting today that Austria would find a way of meeting the demands of the United States.

Officials here take the position that if Austria raises the claim that the U-boat which sank the Ancona is missing, she can easily repudiate the sinking of the Ancona by throwing the blame on its commander.

The Austrian position, officials here say, is likely to be that in the absence of an official report Austria must assume that the United States knows what it is talking about when it says that the liner was sunk while passengers were still on board.

Officials here still are troubled about the Standard Oil tanker Cominupaw, which has been three times reported attacked, sunk and safe.

HELD FOR "FAKING" CLAIMS AGAINST P. R. T.

Two Men Confess Misstatements in Suit for Damages and Accuse Runner for Lawyers

Steps to end the practice of persons who seek to obtain money by fake damage claims were taken this afternoon by Judge Knowles in the Municipal Court, who held Pietro Martella in \$50 bail for court and Vincenzo Simona in \$20 bail for charges of perjury in giving testimony in a suit against the Rapid Transit Company to recover \$150 damages.

The men asserted they had been injured in a collision between a beer wagon on which the route and a trolley car on Gray's Ferry bridge.

After several witnesses for the defense had told a decidedly different story the plaintiffs admitted that they had lied in order to support their charges.

Martella and Simona declared that Delmonico also directed them to the office of E. D. Henrick, an attorney in the law, who was in court, was as much surprised as Judge Knowles by the confession of the plaintiffs, and the court was convinced that the attorney had been imposed upon by the interpreter, who, it is alleged, framed the case.

GOMPERS SAYS LABOR OF U. S. IS PROSPEROUS

A. F. of L. Chief and Leaders Confer on Legislation Here

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, conferred with several labor leaders at the Hotel Walton today with respect to labor legislation to be advocated at the present session of Congress.

Mr. Gompers arrived at the Hotel Walton last night from New York, where he had a short conference with labor leaders at that city.

"Labor generally is in a prosperous condition at the present time," he said, "due probably to the conditions brought about by the large war orders. Many factories are working overtime and the workmen seem to be happy and prosperous. My object in coming here is to talk about organization matters and discuss some minor phases of labor legislation with the leaders in this city."

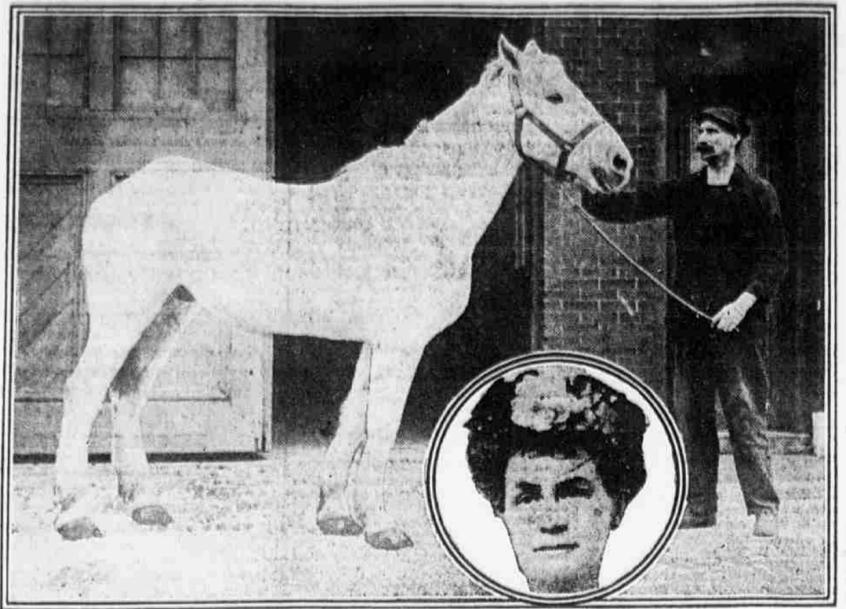
Mr. Gompers declared that the outlook for favorable legislation in Congress was good, but declined to discuss what bills or proposed bills he brought to the attention of the labor leaders in this city.

"I don't think a general statement at this time is needed," he said. "The matters are only of minor importance."

A Christmas bazaar for aid home of the Catholic Home, 24th street and Arch street, will be held this afternoon and tonight at the Hotel Walton. A musicale will also be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, while dancing is scheduled as part of the evening's entertainment.

Halfway to Ohio WASHINGTON TOURS Dec. 20. \$10.00 covers all expenses. These days. Prospectus on request. Leave for Ohio, Feb. 1 and 10. Leave for Ohio, Feb. 10 and 13 and 17. Full information at ticket office, Central A. S. N. Y. 434 Chestnut St., Phila.

OLD FIRE HORSE AND SOCIETY WOMAN WHO RESCUED HIM



This is Joe, who used to help pull the engine of Company No. 32, who was bought from a contractor by Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason and sent to a farm where he will end his days in peace.

OLD FIRE HORSE 'ADOPTED'

'Joe' Will Be Given Good Home by Mrs. F. T. Mason—Veteran of Many Blazes

'Joe,' the 16-year-old fire horse, who, until last spring used to pull engine No. 32 from 5th and Locust streets, has been adopted by Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason, the society leader, in order that the old horse may have a good home. Since electric apparatus was adopted at the 5th and Locust streets station, old 'Joe' has been pulling garbage wagons and doing all sorts of menial work.

Mrs. Mason, who lives at 318 Walnut street, heard of the horse's plight and decided to give the animal a good home, where he could nibble grass for the rest of his life.

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INCENDIARIES SET FIRE TO HOTEL AT SHORE

Ninety-Room Hostelry Damaged by Blaze—Police Seek Two Boys

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 14.—Police officials believe a deliberate attempt was made this morning to burn the Brevoort, a hotel of 90 rooms on South Carolina avenue below Atlantic avenue, in a congested section.

When firemen reached the scene, the whole rear section of the hotel was filled with smoke, a blaze starting in the basement having razed up a dumb waiter shaft to the dining room and burned its way through the walls to the top story.

Suspicious of Chief Black and City Hall detectives were confirmed when a mattress was found burning in a room 100 feet from the blaze in the basement kitchen.

Police are now searching for two boys who rushed from the hotel about ten minutes before the alarm was sounded. Neighbors declared also that a colored man had been sleeping in the building.

Excited crowds cheered when Chief Black carefully made his way from the hotel carrying a basket containing four kittens; two of them had been suffocated, the others were badly scorched.

The Brevoort is owned by Salts & Sons, marketmen, with establishments in Philadelphia and this city. Representatives of the firm refused to commit themselves, but said the fire looked "very suspicious."

The hotel was set afire—there is no doubt about that—said Charles Apple, a detective of the City Hall staff. "There were fires in at least three places, and they were clearly incendiary origin."

The rear of the hotel has been open since the last tenants moved out two days ago. Going to the prompt response and effective work of a battery of engine companies, the loss will not exceed a few thousand dollars.

CONTINUATION OF WAR TAX PROPOSED IN THE HOUSE

Resolution Indorsed by Democratic Caucus Offered by Mr. Kitchin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The actual fight for revenues to renew the depleted Treasury was begun in Congress today. Majority Leader Kitchin, of the House, laid before the Ways and Means Committee the resolution extending for one year the war tax bill which would normally expire December 31.

The resolution was indorsed by Democratic House caucus last night. Representative Kitchin plans to have the resolution reported by the Ways and Means Committee at once, and to bring the resolution before the House on Thursday for immediate action.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS

ACKLEY.—Suddenly, on December 13, 1915, AMELIA W., wife of the late Henry P. Ackley, in 45th year. Relatives and friends invited to attend the funeral services, on Friday afternoon, December 17, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Frank R. Doughton, 316 Pine st., Anderson. Burial services at 10 o'clock, may call on Thursday evening, 7 to 9 o'clock.

BURNS.—On December 13, 1915, ELLA FRANCES, wife of Edward F. Burns. The funeral services, on Friday, at 10 o'clock, from the late residence, 6345 Dresser road, Overbrook. Burial services at 10 o'clock, at 2 p. m., at his late residence, 1040 South 45th st., Interment at Arlington cemetery.

MEYERS.—On December 13, 1915, WILLIAM MUFFET, husband of Katharine Thurwanger Meyers and son of the late John and Katharine Stuart Meyers. Relatives and friends invited to attend the funeral services, on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the residence, 2029 Race street. Interment private, at North Laurel Hill cemetery.

Other Deaths on Page 19 HELP WANTED—FEMALE

COLD WAVE TO FOLLOW SNOW THAT BROUGHT DEATH AND DAMAGE

Drop in Temperature Predicted for City Tonight—Wires Down Between Here and New York

SIX INCHES OF SNOW

Results of First Snow

One dead and several hurt in this city; one dead in New York; man found frozen to death at Bethlehem, Pa.

Postal Telegraph Company's service between Philadelphia and New York partly tied up and delayed.

Telephone and telephone wires down in many places in and near city.

Main line electric service fails. Shipping tied up in Delaware for many hours. Complete tie-up of shipping in New York harbor. Two vessels in distress.

Lehigh Valley Transit Company service over Philadelphia and Western tracks between city and Lansdale halted by snowdrifts.

A cold wave is predicted for Philadelphia, to reach this city tonight, following the first big snowstorm of the year, which caused three deaths in this section, tore down many telegraph and telephone wires, and tied up shipping in the Delaware and in New York harbor for many hours.

A sturdy wind sprang up early this morning from the west, increasing to 17 miles an hour by 8 o'clock and showing signs of strengthening; it blew the drift snow about and caused much discomfort, especially in the suburbs. This wind, according to the forecaster, was the herald of the cold wave. At 10 o'clock this afternoon there were snow flurries in many parts of the city, but the Weather Bureau, while predicting cloudy conditions tonight, said it would be fair tomorrow.

The temperature hung about freezing point, being 25 at 8 o'clock, dropping to 33 at 11 o'clock and to 32 at 1. The rain that preceded the snowfall yesterday morning had damaged the ice on the park lakes to such an extent that it was announced there would be no skating today. The official aftermath of the snow of yesterday was that six inches fell in 20 hours.

The failure of the electric line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was one result of the storm. Even before the storm was at its worst trouble was reported. By late afternoon the electric trains were stopped entirely and steam locomotives pulled the cars along the line.

Drifted snow interrupted traffic on the Lehigh Valley Transit Company between 6th and Allentown. It was said at the 6th street terminal this afternoon that no trains were leaving for Lansdale, but that the Lehigh service between Lansdale and Allentown was intact. The Lehigh company uses the Philadelphia and Western tracks between here and Norristown. The snow had drifted into

the deep cuts through which the tracks run, and several hours of hard work would be necessary to open the line, it was said.

The wires of the Postal Telegraph Company between this city and New York were reported partly out of commission this morning. Gangs of workmen were hurried out to repair the damage and the service was restored in a few hours.

Three deaths resulted from the first big snow of the year. One man was struck by a train in this city in the blinding snow. One death was reported in New York and 15 persons were seriously hurt there. A workman was found frozen to death in a snowdrift at Bethlehem, Pa.

Two persons were injured this morning as the result of falls on the ice. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of 2419 Marston street, fell in front of her home and was taken to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital with a dislocated right elbow. Louis Robbins, of 142 North 19th street, was sent to the Northwestern General Hospital suffering from cuts and bruises. He fell at 19th and Oxford streets.

William Rex, of 212 North 23d street, fell on the ice near his home and sustained a fracture of the wrist. He was taken to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital.

There is a certain quality possessed by some men which we call vitality.

It is being greatly alive—living each minute in full and keen consciousness—using the senses constantly and to full capacity.

Men of vitality, living as they do more fully than others, exercise their acute faculties in choosing the accessories of their daily lives and the means for their pleasure and comfort.

It is among such men as this that Rameses, "The Aristocrat of Cigarettes," finds its greatest and most constant demand.

Your vitality will respond instantly to its distinctive fragrance.

And nobody ever changes from Rameses.

FICKLE WINDS LURE INCAUTIOUS GAMESTERS TO "BLOW" THEIR CASH

Scheme Similar to Summer's Baseball Pool Replaces That Method of Operating on Victims' Pocketbooks

"It's an ill wind that blows no good"; but, nevertheless, don't "blow in" any of your money on the "Wind Pool," a brand-new gambling scheme devised by New York bookmakers, who are determined that they won't work as long as they can prey upon "easy marks" who like to lose money.

The new scheme is somewhat similar to the baseball pool, which was in evidence last summer. It is called "The Blow" and its plan of action is set forth on a card made up to resemble a weather report. Some of the cards were sent to this city.

The card bears the names of coast and lake cities from Albany to Los Angeles and as far south as Tampa. Opposite the name of each city on a horizontal line are the days of the week from Monday until Saturday.

Upon paying 25 cents the victim receives a card, which requests him to mark down the record of the wind in three cities for the coming week. But the backers select the cities, and the three persons having the highest weekly totals of wind velocity receive, respectively, \$50, \$20 and \$10 at the end of the week. Each victim is supposed to consult the Weather Bureau's report daily and mark down the velocity of the wind under each of his three cities each day.

But unfortunately the backers of the game, who are expert "hot air" artists,

as well as evident wind experts, never give the victim a windy winning combination. They usually tie him up to such unwinning places as Conshohocken, Tamaqua and Pittsburgh, where even a "windscape," if there were such a thing, could not detect the slightest suspicion of a gentle zephyr, even when the politicians are in town.

The victim has about one chance in a billion of landing the breeze total for the week. As the cards bearing the details of the new wind game have gone through the mails, postoffice officials are on the trail of these new "wind jammers." And there will be some cyclonic criminal action when the backers of the game are cornered.

Negroes Meet in Convention

Negroes from all parts of the country are attending the eighth annual convention of the National Independent Council of the National Independent Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 17th and Bainbridge streets. The purpose of the organization is to procure full citizenship rights for members of the race and to promote religious and educational activities among negroes. The list of speakers includes Mrs. Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the Rev. W. S. Cooper, Dr. William S. Church, William D. Britham and the Rev. Dr. J. M. Moses. The convention will be concluded tomorrow night.

FRANKFORD "L" WORK NOT LET

Lack of Public Convenience Certificate Delays Award

The contract for the construction of the superstructure for that section of the proposed Frankford elevated street, extending from Unity street to Dyer street, on Frankford avenue, was not awarded today, as had been planned. In the absence of a certificate of public convenience from the State Public Service Commission, announcement was made when the bids were opened at noon that no award would be made until such a certificate had been granted. The commission is today considering the matter in its deliberations.

The Department of City Transit opened four bids, as follows: American Bridge Company, \$25,000; Pennsylvania Steel Company, \$25,000; Melchiorri-Marshall Company, \$25,000; Phoenix Bridge Company, \$25,000.

Advertisement for Melchiorri Bros. Dept. Store, 4932-40 Lancaster Ave. Complete line of Grafonolas and the December records are now ready. Operatic, classical and popular selections. Let us play them for you.



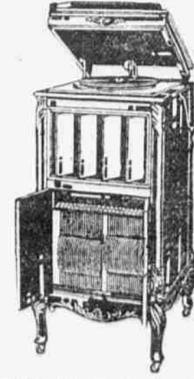
All the Makings of a Merry Christmas

WARMTH, jollity, Christmas cheer—and music in the home! While the Yuletide bells are ringing—while the world rejoices that Christmas is come—let the strains of well-loved old hymns recall the Christmas memories of childhood. Let the house echo to the merriment of young folks dancing and singing—let music bring to your hearth this season the festive spirit of Christmas!

There are hundreds of Columbia Records appropriate for Christmas—or any other time when youth in spirit joins with youth in years in gay enjoyment of life.

Be sure to have the Columbia Record Catalog at hand when you are planning for Christmas and the festivities of the season!

AND if you haven't bought your Christmas Grafonola yet—reserve it at your dealer's, QUICK! It may be the only chance you have to get the model you want in time.



Columbia Grafonola 110 Price \$110

From the way all the Columbia factories are rushed with Christmas orders, there seems to be no possibility of delivering any further instruments to buyers before the 25th, except those that Columbia dealers have in stock right now.

Get in touch with YOUR dealer without a day's delay—its worth your while to make sure of getting a Columbia Grafonola.

OR IF you already own a Columbia Grafonola or any other similar instrument, you know how the gift of a good Columbia Record is always appreciated.

And the only better gift than a good record would, of course, be more good records. Nothing could bring more enjoyment to the entire family throughout the year, yet the cost is little indeed in proportion to the pleasure.

And remember that no gift would be better liked, either by friends who own Grafonolas or "talking-machines." The Columbia Record Catalog and the special Christmas supplement will solve most of your "present problems."

Columbia Records in All Languages. New records go on sale the 20th of every month. This Advertisement Dictated to the Dictaphone.

Victrolas Immediate Delivery. All Styles, \$15 to \$350.00—Easy Terms. SPECIAL OFFER for Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon: To induce you to shop in the forenoon and thereby help us to handle the afternoon and evening Christmas rush, we will deliver immediately (or on Xmas Eve if you prefer) any Victrola and Victor Records you select—easy weekly or monthly payments on Victrola to commence February 1, 1916. Brown Talking Machine Co. 228 Market Street

Rich Richards Almanac. The fuel of advertising keeps the fires of business brightly burning throughout the day—and even into the night, sayeth Rich Richards; and also the wise merchant lets not his fuel run low.

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